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RESTRUCTURING OF POSTS
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government had passed a proposal in regard to promotion of permanent labourer as phone mechanic, phone mechanic to TTA and TTA to JTO;

(b) if so, whether a rule to this effect was framed prior to August, 1999 that phone mechanic completing five years of service would be promoted to the post of TTA on passing the screening test;

(c) if so, the circumstances which necessitated change in the said rules and filling up the posts of TTA through the competitive examination now;

(d) whether it take 15 to 25 years including both temporary and permanent service to become a phone mechanic at present;

(e) if so, whether a field worker is eligible to appear in the competitive examination in such a situation;

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore: (g) whether the government propose to restore the orders of august, 1999 in this regard; and (h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) No, Sir. However, group `D` officials were made eligible to appear in the qualifying screening test to the cadre of telecom Mechanic.

(b) Yes, Sir. But subject to the availability of vacancies .

(c) Rapid technological advancements and nature of job of TTA necessitated increase in qualification and better qualified officials. Hence, change in recruitment rules were made to enhance entry qualification and process of selection.

(d) Telecom Mechanic is a restructured cadre and officials who opted to move into restructured cadre and eligible are made Telecom Mechanic under walk-in group/screening test. Hence, number of years for becoming Telecom Mechanic depends on various parameters and cannot be generalised.

(e) No, sir.

(f) there is no provision in Recruitment Rules for competitive examination for Telecom Mechanic.

(g) No, Sir.

(h) Does not arise in view of (g) above.